BEARFACTS 1992 – 2002 Bell , Kentucky [21013]

Bell is one of 120 counties in Kentucky. It is part of the Middlesborough, KY Micropolitan SA. Its 2002 population of 29,792 ranked 36th in the state.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2002 Bell had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$17,378. This PCPI ranked 99th in the state and was 68 percent of the state average, \$25,401, and 56 percent of the national average, \$30,821. The 2002 PCPI reflected an increase of 0.2 percent from 2001. The 2001-2002 state change was 1.9 percent and the national change was 0.8 percent. In 1992 the PCPI of Bell was \$12,214 and ranked 93rd in the state. The 1992-2002 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 3.6 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.0 percent and for the nation was 4.0 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 2002 Bell had a total personal income (TPI) of \$517,720*. This TPI ranked 42nd in the state and accounted for 0.5 percent of the state total. In 1992 the TPI of Bell was \$379,234* and ranked 39th in the state. The 2002 TPI reflected an increase of 0.8 percent from 2001. The 2001-2002 state change was 2.5 percent and the national change was 1.8 percent. The 1992-2002 average annual growth rate of TPI was 3.2 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.9 percent and for the nation was 5.2 percent.

COMPONENTS OF TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

Total personal income includes net earnings by place of residence; dividends, interest, and rent; and personal current transfer receipts received by the residents of Bell. In 2002 net earnings accounted for 47.6 percent of TPI (compared with 48.6 in 1992); dividends, interest, and rent were 12.6 percent (compared with 16.2 in 1992); and personal current transfer receipts were 39.8 percent (compared with 35.3 in 1992). From 2001 to 2002 net earnings increased 2.0 percent; dividends, interest, and rent decreased 12.1 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 4.1 percent. From 1992 to 2002 net earnings increased on average 3.0 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 0.6 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 4.4 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Bell increased from \$317,181* in 2001 to \$319,353* in 2002, an increase of 0.7 percent. The 2001-2002 state change was 3.1 percent and the national change was 2.1 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1992 estimate of \$252,586* to the 2002 estimate was 2.4 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.9 percent and for the nation was 5.4 percent.

*Note: All income estimates with the exception of PCPI are in thousands of dollars, not adjusted for inflation.

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